



Greening promoters: Members of Curtin Leo and CEC painting a raised garden bed before planting.

Unimas students spend five days with wildlife

KUCHING: Over the past week, a group of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) students experienced wildlife first hand, living literally in the jungles of Borneo.

The students, who are all third-year undergraduates, spent five days with Sarawak Forestry Corporation staff in Santubong.

"They learnt about how the hornbill is an 'umbrella species' for the survival of other animals. Research on hornbills is a gateway to other animals. This is a very important aspect of natural knowledge our students need," Unimas said in a press statement yesterday.

The university said the undergraduates also met with tourism officials from the private sector who spoke on eco-tourism, among them Rahim Bugo, general manager of Permai Rainforest Resort Sdn Bhd.

"The students also visited Kampung Pasir Panjang, Kampung Pasir Pandak, Kampung Sungai Lumut, Kampung Buntal and Kampung Santubong."